

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Hideaki SHIBATA et al. :
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
Filed March 25, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2004_0490

IMAGE CODING METHOD, IMAGE
CODING AND DECODING METHOD,
IMAGE CODING APPARATUS, AND IMAGE
RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS
(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional
of Serial No. 09/623,397,
Filed October 27, 2000)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: